



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**  
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**MINUTES OF BOARD CORPORATE MEETING #284**  
January 10, 2006

(Meetings of the Board Corporate convene immediately after the Board meetings.)

**Members Present:**

Daniel W. Varin, Chairman  
William McKenna\*  
Frank Perry  
June Swallow  
Alicia Good\*  
William Parsons  
Jon Schock

**Members Absent:**

Timothy Brown  
William Penn, V. Chairman  
Robert Griffith  
William Stamp, III

\*Member designee

**Staff Present:**

Juan Mariscal  
Kathleen Crawley  
Brian Riggs  
Beverly O'Keefe  
William Rivero  
Elaine Maguire  
Tracy Shields

**Guests:**

Pasquale DeLise, BCWA

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Chairman Varin called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Parsons moved approval of the December minutes with a second by Ms. Good, and the motion carried with Mr. Schock and Mr. McKenna abstaining.

**3. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Schock moved approval of the December CFO report with Mr. Parsons seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS RESULTING**

**A. Public Drinking Water Protection Committee—Chair Robert Griffith**

**(1) RI Public Drinking Water Protection Program - Phase III:**

- (a) Kent County Water Authority – Water Quality Improvement Projects. Water System Cleaning and Lining Project (Design Phase); Redevelopment and Rehabilitation of a Well Facility (Construction Phase). Requested Amount: \$17,450.00; Recommended Payment: \$17,038.01. Request for Approval

As Mr. Perry recused himself from this discussion, Mr. Mariscal explained that this was a request for reimbursement to Kent County Water Authority for rehabilitation of their supply wells—the construction phase. This had previously been approved for eligibility in November 2005 by the Board Corporate. The project will address poor production and iron and manganese fouling. This would provide Kent County with the remaining balance of their funds. PDWP met yesterday and approved the project for funding.

Ms. Swallow moved approval with a second from Mr. Schock, who noted that the Finance Committee also recommended approval. With the abstention of Mr. Perry, the motion carried.

- (b) Town of South Kingstown – Water Supply Protection Project. Preparation of Water Supply Systems Management Plans. Requested Amount: \$373.00; Recommended Payment: \$373.00.

Mr. Perry explained this was a request for payment from the Town of South Kingstown; it was a payment toward the eligible cost of their water system quality management plan. The cost of \$373 brings them up to 55 percent level which they need to meet because this qualifies as a property acquisition project. Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Ms. Swallow. It was also noted that the Finance Committee took no action on this item. With Mr. Schock abstaining, the motion carried.

- (c) Town of South Kingstown – Water Quality Improvement Project. Water Tank Refurbishment. Requested Amount: \$67,506.00; Recommended Payment: \$67,506.00.

Mr. Perry explained that this was for reimbursement of money spent on a water tank refurbishment. This project was previously approved by the Board and the payment is a partial payment on the cost of the project and the reimbursement involves only work done on the inside of the tank. This finishes South Kingstown's allocation of funds. It was noted that the Finance Committee took no action on this item. Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Mr. Parsons. With Mr. Schock abstaining, the motion carried.

- (d) City of Woonsocket – Land Acquisition Protection Project for Watershed Property Protection. Town of North Smithfield Tax Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 47, Acreage 78+/- Acres (Iron Mine Hill Road Property Project). Appraisal Value: \$420,000.00; Purchase Price: \$420,000.00. Requested Amount: \$420,000.00; Recommended Payment: \$420,000.00. Request for Payment Approval

Mr. Perry noted this was payment of a previously approved project on a land acquisition in the amount of \$420,000. The PDWP Committee recommended approval subject to receipt of the necessary documentation. Mr. Perry added that there is still a title issue pending, however, there is a letter from Ms. Primiano stating that she has reviewed everything and that the title issue is being resolved, but the City will not proceed to closing until that issue is resolved. Mr. Perry moved approval and Ms. Good seconded subject to the receipt of documents at the closing. Mr. Schock noted that the Finance Committee also recommended approval and this motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Pascoag Utility District – Water Quality Improvement Project. Security Fencing per Vulnerability Assessment Plan. Requested Amount: \$17,540.30; Recommended Payment: \$17,524.84. Request for Approval

Mr. Perry stated that this amount exhausts Pascoag's balance and this would be for security fencing which was also previously approved. Mr. Perry moved approval with a second from Mr. Schock, who noted that the Finance Committee had also approved, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- (f) Town of North Kingstown - Watershed Protection Project. Land Acquisition Costs Associated with Corresponding Program Land Acquisition Project: Request for Eligibility and Payment Approval. Requested Amount: \$12,586.50; Recommended Payment: \$12,586.50.

Mr. Perry described this project as both a payment and eligibility approval request for an acquisition project at Carr Pond. This was property which was previously acquired and this was a previously approved project; this amount would reimburse the closing and legal costs involved in completing this project. Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Ms. Swallow. Mr. Schock noted that the Finance Committee had also recommended approval and the motion carried unanimously.

- (g) Town of Westerly – Water Quality Improvement Project. Elimination of Dead End Water Mains. Requested Amount: \$11,365.12; Recommended Payment: \$11,365.12.

Mr. Perry explained this reimbursement request as being for replacement of water mains with the goal of water quality improvement with looping the system, and elimination of dead ends. This project has already been approved for eligibility and the Town had an estimated cost of approximately \$45 per linear foot doing it in-house as opposed to the industry standard of \$100 per foot. Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Mr. Schock, who explained that the Finance Committee had also approved this payment, and the motion carried unanimously.

- (h) City of Pawtucket – Water Quality Improvement Project. Water Main Replacements. Request for Eligibility Approval

Mr. Perry described this as a request for eligibility approval for pipeline replacement projects. This is work which has already been done. He noted that in the staff memo and table that the bottom line total payments and eligibility is \$3.265 million whereas the City's total allocation is only \$2.6 million. What happened here is that there were some approved projects that may not be able to be completed in the allotted time and Ms. Marchand is submitting these projects to ensure that all of this allocation will be spent even if one of these other projects cannot be completed. Mr. Perry added that there had been significant discussion within the committee about submissions for already completed work. While the committee recognizes that the regulations tend to put the suppliers in a bind toward the end of a phase, the committee feels strongly that the submission of already completed projects should be discussed before another phase of this program is begun. Nevertheless, Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Ms. Swallow. Mr. Schock explained that the Town of South Kingstown was also under the impression that if a project is listed on the eligibility list that the supplier was not required to come to the Board before moving forward with the project, so he emphasized the need for clarification prior to the initiation of the next phase. Mr. Perry concurred with Mr. Schock and reiterated that simply because a project is listed on that sheet does not automatically make it eligible. The Chairman assured the members that the General Manager would make certain that this was clarified before the next phase. The motion carried unanimously.

- (i) City of Pawtucket – Water Quality Improvement Project. Construction of a Settlement Basin. Request for Eligibility Approval.

Mr. Perry explained this was a project to improve water quality within the Robin Hollow Basin. This is a settling basin in which the particulates settle out before flowing into the Happy Hollow Pond where they are then taken into the treatment system. However, over the years, Robin Hollow Basin now has a depth of about one foot and the sediment is now finding its way into Happy Hollow Pond. This project is for an engineering study to determine the type of work needed: maintenance of the outflow, possible aeration projects and other maintenance. Mr. Perry noted that this fell under item 15 - Other Related Projects on the eligibility list. The committee recommended eligibility of this project with the complete understanding that the finding of eligibility for this project does not mean that the work to be done would necessarily be eligible work because much of the work needed truly is within the realm of maintenance. However, with that understanding by the City, the committee recommended approval and Mr. Perry moved approval with a second by Ms. Swallow. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Varin also noted that Ms. Marchand would soon become the Chief Engineer for the Providence Water Supply Board.

- (j) City of Pawtucket - Land Acquisition Project in the Diamond Hill Reservoir Watershed; Town of Cumberland Plat 57, Lots 2 and 22; Acreage 44 +/- Acres (Pratt Property). Request for Eligibility Approval to Increase Project Funding Outlay

Mr. Perry explained that the PDWP Committee had placed this item on hold, so there was no action to be taken by the full board. It has been withdrawn from today's agenda.

- (k) Preparation for Phase IV – Outlining of Criteria, Materials for Review  
Juan Mariscal, General Manager/ William Verso, Board Project Officer

Mr. Perry explained that this item is simply a status report on this program and where it stands today. Mr. Perry noted that three of the 17 suppliers had exhausted their allocations; several of the other suppliers have only nominal amounts of money remaining, and then a couple more were completed today.

Chairman Varin stated that Mr. Penn at the last meeting had noted his concern at the rate the money was being spent. This report should eliminate any of Mr. Penn's concerns as it shows the program is at a 93 percent completion status, and over 50 percent of the funds have been expended.

### **C. Finance Committee—Chair William J. Penn**

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Schock, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Shields  
Personnel Aide

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